

HGIT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: SURVEY RESULTS

Habitat GIT 2023 Spring Meeting

April 26th, 2023



What did the HGIT do well since our last meeting?

- **GIT FUNDING:**
 - Projects received funding
 - Coordination & engagement on GIT-funded projects
 - Specifically mentioned GIT Funding opportunities in the WWG
- Wetlands Action Plan
- Working to update Habitat Tracker
- Hired additional staffers!
- Summary of strategies helpful at keeping everyone informed





What did the HGIT not do well since our last meeting?

- **Need more coordination with Water Quality GIT:** conflicts involving stream restoration & resource tradeoffs would benefit from HGIT/WG input
- SDM (helpful in some limited situation and not at all helpful in most cases)
- Communication on habitat tracker development could have been better (*specifically re: the current development of the Brook Trout tracker*)



IN RESPONSE:

- **WQ GIT:**
 - The Wetland Workshop & the progress on the Wetland Action Plan featured in the last three WQGIT newsletters
 - What specifically should we be working on with them?
- **SDM was specifically listed as high priorities by HGIT membership**
 - Dedicated HGIT Spring 2022 meeting to SDM & Shallow-water conflicts
 - Collective decision to pursue FY22 GIT Funding
 - Also considered a STAC workshop

What do you like about the HGIT Management Strategy?

- Many suggestions to improving monitoring/tracking of wetlands
- Cross-GIT applications & better understanding of co-benefits
- Good, concise collection of data needs & opportunities
- Includes emphasis on underserved communities
- Clear objectives



What do you not like about the HGIT Management Strategy?



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- There should be more focus on opportunity to leverage funding related to nature based climate solutions (e.g., carbon sequestration)
- **BDAT should be combined with WWG:** Not sure if it's important to track Black Duck numbers rather than tracking changes to the habitat
- Doesn't discuss policy recommendations
- Not a fan of qualitative/quantitative distinctions b/c inconsistencies across categories
- Direct priorities are described as measurable but no mechanism to measure anything

How do you see the Management Strategy helping you with your job responsibilities at your agency?



- **Several folks unclear/uncertain** +
- Helps set targets for work we accomplish
- SDM & shallow water habitat opportunities are a huge issue throughout the Bay & touches many outcomes/priorities, so would like to continue to pursue funding
- Provides feedback on stakeholder priorities
- Having HGIT funding/emphasis has helped bring resources/attention to conservation efforts for species like Black Duck



How do you see the Management Strategy helping you with your CBP Outcome?

- **Several folks unclear/uncertain, or don't think it's helpful**
- Strategy clearly outlines Wetland Outcome & improved tracking as a priority for the CBP
- Priorities are more *aligned* rather than being directly beneficial/helpful
- Provides guidelines consistent within the divisions
- Modeling to determine climate resilient species/communities for fish passage projects.
 - Where \$ & effort would be better spent on projects considering climate change



What priorities should be added?

- More focus on habitat & living resources rather than only nutrient/sediment reductions
- **More emphasis on:**
 - Climate
 - Tidal marsh/sea level rise
 - Ensuring policy follows practices
 - Discussing resiliency benefits
 - Coordinating cross-GIT common goals
- **Coordination with:**
 - Fish GIT
 - Forestry Teams
 - WQGIT

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WHAT PRIORITIES SHOULD BE REMOVED?

- **Several folks responded with: none!**
- SDM (not seen as a “priority” so much as one possible way to achieve a desired outcome)
 - *SDM was mentioned both positively & negatively in the survey responses*
- Improving outcome tracking/reporting and supporting current & future WG activities are important for HGIT success but **not sure if they should be HGIT Priorities**
- Revise long-term priorities

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & QUESTIONS:

- HGIT should pursue ecosystem approach rather than only nutrient/sediment reductions
- Request for more discussion on resiliency benefits from HGIT outcomes





THE GOOGLE SURVEY DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

If you haven't already filled out the survey,
please do so by **COB, MAY 5TH**

LINK: <https://forms.gle/4qWxWwJPasWWzucr5>

QUESTIONS?



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